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*My beloved buffalo ! Let me tell you this :
Come with me to the field and till the soil;
Since planting and ploughing are farmers' tasks.
We shall not mind the hardships, you and I.*

THE FACE OF USOM : THE HAND OF IVS

The above quotation might well caption all IVS activities. As one IVSer put it, "life goes on in quiet desperation for thousands of Vietnamese people and with a phenomenal courage born of long-suffering, hope continues to hold on during the past year, we have tried, and perhaps have succeeded in some small ways, to nurture and sustain this hope. We have tried to lift up what we have found suppressed. We have tried to build what we found torn down. And out of what has at times seemed to be a chaotic hopelessness, we have learned that there is a temper of song, expressed by the poets and sung by the Vietnamese for a thousand years."

And it is with the quotation above of that song that we begin a description of International Voluntary Services (IVS), its origin, objectives and some of its activities.

IVS was formed through the initiative of fourteen men, drawn from the top echelon of each of fourteen Christian

DEPENDENTS WITHDRAWING !

On Monday, February 8 it was announced that by the President's direction, all dependents of American personnel - civilian and military - will be withdrawn in an orderly fashion.

The American Community School has been closed as of Tuesday, February 9 for indefinite period.

Pan Am flight 842 left February 9 at 12 noon with the first group of dependents aboard, including several USOM families.

As we bid our friends and families goodbye, we assure you we'll keep the CYCLO coming your way. Write us your news so we can keep up with one another. We wish you all the best in your travels !

PUBLIC ADM CHIEF MISSING

The disappearance of Gus Hertz, Chief of our Public Administration Division is foremost in our minds. Few details are known. February 2, he went for a ride on his son's motor scooter. He hasn't been seen since. Unconfirmed reports are that he has been kidnapped by the Viet Cong. Mr. Hertz is the second USOM man to be missing.



GUSTAV C. HERTZ



JOSEPH GRAINGER

The first was Joseph Grainger of Operations, who was picked up by the Viet Cong in mid-August. More is known on his disappearance as the Filipino technician who was with him has been released and had news of him.

denominations in 1953. The objective was to find an effective means to develop human resources; their concept was that overseas persons have real needs which can be met in a unique way in day-by-day encounter - living together in a positive relationship to meet these needs.

IVS is committed to the ideal that American youth can make an important contribution to U. S. foreign policy by establishing person-to-person contacts with people of another country, through a service program.

IVS is proud that such achievements made it one of the primary organizations upon which the Peace Corps was based. In 1960, a group of Congressmen investigating the use of the foreign aid funds in Southeast Asia came across IVS work in Vietnam. Their report to Congress: "The committee is pleased to report the discovery of a group of young American agriculture college graduates, living alongside the Vietnamese and teaching basic agriculture... It is to such projects that the Study Committee gives its heartiest approval."

The team in Vietnam, which started work in 1956, is financed under contract with AID through USOM Divisions Agriculture, Education and Public Health. Team members represent a fair distribution from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The work they perform is carried out under the technical guidance of USOM technicians, and flexibility in operations is the rule rather than the exception. All work is carried out with Vietnamese officials, teachers and village leaders to help them develop lasting improvements in their communities. The combined efforts of Vietnamese, Free Chinese Technical Team, USOM and IVS technicians produce some rather significant results.

The principle is basic, Show by example. Today at twenty locations, teams are doing just that.



PETER HUNTING REPAIRS LOCALLY-MADE IRRIGATION WINDMILL.

Peter Hunting has lived in a simple stucco house in the provincial capital of Phan Rang for the past eighteen months. He is one of fifty or more college graduates who are helping Vietnamese farmers improve their crops - and their incomes - by helping improve their farming practices. His reward? As he puts it, "I consider my stay in Vietnam and what I have learned, as the highlight of my life so far".

Les Small, in going to one village and inquiring where their most urgent need was, found they needed a canal. He organized a village meeting and when the 1000 families making up the three hamlets decided to dig the canal, he helped in the planning. Each family dug their share of the six kilometer canal by hand. Cases like this and many others serve as a training ground for later direct hire employment with USOM, which is Les' next tour in Vietnam. Others find their experience invaluable as they return to graduate studies or, in some cases, as they resume their former occupations.

Sometimes the tables turn when a USOM employee resigns to take a less lucrative position with IVS. Such is the case with USOM secretary Mary Beth Clark, who resigned last year to go to work with IVS in Hue.



MARY BETH CLARK MEASURES RICE WITH UNIVERSITY OF HUE STUDENTS WORKING FOR FLOOD RELIEF.

During the floods in recent months, IVS was asked to assist in the coordination and organization of the student and youth groups who desired to be a part of the flood relief program. Students and youth groups joined together in a central organization, Voluntary Youth for Flood Relief. Initially, six student representatives were sent into stricken areas to explore the possibilities for student activities to make contacts with provincial officials and to report their findings to their own group, the Inter-Ministerial Committee and IVS. Once activities were initiated, IVS worked on a provincial level with students and officials of the province, the military and USOM.

During this same period, Charles Sweet was quite surprised when the director of his school asked him when he was going to pick up his salary for teaching English. UNICEF had given the school a certain amount of money to pay an English teacher. Since the IVS English teacher was the only one, the school decided to give the money to him. It was explained that IVS workers do not accept money for their services and finally it was decided that all the money from UNICEF should be given to a board of teachers to distribute among students whose families were victims of the flood.

On two levels, women play an important role in IVS activities - Marjorie Caldwell, a home economist works

in Nha Trang - Anne Hensley and Carlie Allender both are education specialists in My Tho.



HOME ECONOMIST, MARJORIE CALDWELL ASSISTS AT AN ORPHANAGE.

On the other level, women have come out here with their husbands. Both are employed, work in the same area but often in different fields of endeavor. For example, George McDowell works with agriculture and his wife, Renie, is an English teacher. There are five such couples in Vietnam.

While the main areas of effort are emphasized as Education and Agriculture, there are presently two people working with Public Health Division, mainly in health education: Dave Colyer, an audio visual aid specialist, and Jim Hunt, who works with Montagnards in developing a health program.

Another facet of the busy and productive IVS life here in Vietnam is the seminars. In recent weeks, two different types of seminars were held.

One example was the group of Vietnamese educators, USOM/ED advisors - Dr. Agnes Allardyce and Dr. Donald Darnell, on Southern Illinois University contract to ED - and Charles Powell, a Smith-Mundt grantee. Speakers were heard on how to teach English, how to encourage extra curricular activities in school and general philosophy of education. Discussion groups, teaching skits and evening recreation completed the week - long session of working and living together in the IVS House in Saigon.



A SEMINAR SESSION AT THE IVS HOUSE.

At Vung Tau, a seminar was held for youth leaders. IVS reps stayed in one of the high schools, sleeping in sleeping bags. There were 10 IVSers present and thirty Vietnamese youth leaders that took part in the two-part seminar discussion groups and a work project.

It isn't all easy-going in these activities. One IVSer says, "gaining the confidence of these people is the biggest problem I find. It is difficult to introduce new methods among people who are struggling for existence."

Robert Biggers, Hamlet Education technician, questions : "How in the world can we build schools when, in so many cases, we are advised to stay out of the villages because the VC may be waiting somewhere in the rice paddies for an ambush?"

All the problems aren't always security orientated. In complaining of an often-faulty jeep one representative reported to Chief of Party, Don Luce : "It is keeping true to form in interrupting my work as well as making it difficult to anticipate a trip, wondering if I will get back - not because of the VC but because of the vehicle."

Humor works its way into the problem areas, too, when one technician tells his troubles: "My own wooden windmill flew into a duckpond during a storm; this calls for a slight change in design."

Whatever the problems may be, the fact that they exist is a much more important reason to be working here. In the case of student problems, the very fact that they demonstrate, live in a climate of tenseness and have frustrations within themselves - makes work here important because of their need for encouragement.

This has been the IVS philosophy and Charles Shubert summed it up for all with: "Seeing the look of pride on the faces of the people when they show off completed projects and the community spirit while they work on the project points out that a minimum of aid can achieve a maximum benefit if the personal touch is maintained. Any average American can make a great contribution to his country and the world by merely being present, showing an interest, and applying the knowledge and attitude he possesses . . ."



SECRETARIES EXTRAORDINARY !

To most, it is commonplace that there should be American secretaries serving in this mission as in others throughout the world.

To all of us it is, however, extraordinary that two girls would come to Saigon and work in the field. For USOM, it is another step in progress to move ahead in greater efficiency. For the girls, it is a unique experience.

Karen Ludlum was the first American secretary to make the move. Coming to Saigon from a three-months tour in Cambodia, she first worked for all four Regional Representatives when they were based in one office in Saigon. Then when they moved out to their respective field locations, and each was entitled to have an American secretary, she was given her choice of the four regions.



SECRETARY KAREN LUDLUM ACCOMPANIES EDUCATION ADVISOR DR. DANIEL RAYS ON FIELD TRIP

"I almost went to II Corps whose headquarters was based in Dalat, a resort area in the mountains. But then one Sunday morning I flew down to Can Tho in the IV Corps to see the operation down there." Impressed with the office organization and programs, she transferred to that Delta post the following week.

"The job has meant an opportunity to discover the real Vietnam -- and not merely the glamour of Saigon." Travel is often necessary in her work. Recently there was no provincial rep on duty in Chuong Thien Province. Karen accompanied Harry Jackson, Fourth Regional Rep, to that province to write the monthly report with assistance from the Filipino assistant on duty there. Some of the travel is necessary to carry in classified material to the main USOM.

We accompanied Karen on one of her trips to the main USOM. A twenty-minute trip to the air strip, a forty-minute plane ride over the green rice lands of the Delta and another twenty-minute ride to USOM made our own in-town efforts seem simple. For not only must she secure a car but also a plane ride. If the plane doesn't go, she doesn't go - although Karen has her own thunderbird convertible.

After working hours - and they always vary - there really isn't much to do as far as entertainment goes - she's

found a few pinochle players in the family-like group, there's always a MAC/V movie and a constant stream of visitors who stop by USOM/CanTho. From time to time, she goes to Saigon for a weekend and it is then that she goes riding at the Cercle Hippique.

Although she calls Los Angeles home, her folks live in New Jersey. She plans home leave and return - As USOM's first secretary in the field, it's a sure thing she'll have much of the unusual to tell them at home.

Next issue, we'll share Pat Neace's impressions of operations in DaNang as I Corps secretary.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

John Albertson of Operations who is their IV Corps backstop, his wife Ljibica and their four children left by ship on 4 February for home leave, where most of their time will be spent in Washington, D.C. John is scheduled for return.

Fred Hayden, Field Support Officer in IV Corps, departs the 18th for home leave in Minnesota and eight weeks at FSI Management School in Washington before returning here.



Another PSD arrival, William Ikerd, is on first tour after working with the Treasury Department. With the Department for ten years, he tracked down moonshiners and raided stills.



John C. Holl of Tacoma, Washington retired as a State Patrol Officer of 28 years before joining us in PSD.



Kenneth Cox comes here on first tour after being Chief of Police in Deland, Florida where his family still lives.

Our new Food for Peace officer, Raymond Gordon of Denver, Colorado, comes to us with a background of five years in Panama and three years in Indonesia. His wife and two children will be coming out soon.

Les Gottlieb, former Executive Officer here, returned last week on TDY from AID/W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor :

May I offer the following comments regarding your Oriental Zodiac listing: The Water Buffalo and Rabbit will feel hurt if you call them respectively "Ox" and "Hare". And don't give the hog a superiority complex by calling him "Wild Boar." Sincerely yours, D.H.Hoach, USOM/PHD.

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS



DIRECTOR JAMES KILLEN PRESENTS IFFIE C. ROGERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AD/M, HIS TWENTY-YEAR AWARD WITH CONGRATULATIONS.

Mr. Killen presented length of service awards to 42 employees for 20 years of service and 63 received their 10 year certificates.

Lawrence Doran, Joseph Hamilton and Richard Reinke, all of Agriculture, received thirty-year awards.

The Director, in commenting on the occasion, traced the achievements of AID to its successful start back to the Marshall Plan in Europe and remarked on the growing sense of understanding gained "of ourselves and the job AID is trying to do around the world for Free World security."

On behalf of David Bell, Director of AID/Washington, Mr. Killen stated, "we appreciate more than I can say, the effort you are putting forth here in Vietnam - the outstanding, hard hitting and productive organization being formed to meet the challenge before us."

Missourian Lawrence Doran of AGR, who's been with AID since its beginning sixteen years ago, says his experiences have been very challenging and inspirational. He graduated from an agricultural college and worked in the extension service before going overseas with the military service.



LAWRENCE DORAN

Having spent his AID years in Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam he says, "some people might wonder why I have stayed in the Far East."

"One of the reasons was a short hitch as a Naval officer. They sent me to a military government training school at Princeton University where officers were trained for duty in the Far East."

"Afterward, we went to Japan and later to Korea, when I saw the tremendous agricultural needs in those countries, decided that my help was needed to come back and do something about it."

He's been doing something about it ever since and is now back in Vietnam on second tour.



JOSEPH HAMILTON

With AID since 1958, Joseph Hamilton has been in Vietnam since that time. "When I arrived here, I saw the potential for greater fruit and vegetable production which would eventually improve the diets. Since then, we have demonstrated that there are great opportunities to widen the number of different vegetable crops and to increase the production of those now being grown."

From Arizona and previously with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, his wife - a Canadian - and family are here with him.

Of his work here, he says "when we first came here there was a great deal of work out in the field visiting farmers in all corners of the country. It is my greatest regret that we have had to give up that intimate approach. Now our countryside visits are more restricted. It's more difficult to follow the agriculture program through on this basis.

With 30 years service behind him, it's evident that any such difficulties can do little to hinder this persevering spirit of dedication.



RICHARD REINKE

When Richard Reinke received his 30-year certificate, he was already well into his thirty-second year of service. From Wisconsin he started out with the Civilian Conservation Corps. His last assignment before coming here was in Atlanta, Georgia, with the U. S. Study Commission of the Southeast River Basins.

Now a Water Resource Engineer on first tour with AID, he plans a May home leave and return. He and his wife, Marie, while on home leave, will be visiting their two children and six grandchildren. Richard Reinke claims his wife, a former nurse who now tutors in English, leads the more interesting life between the two of them. Whichever may be true, both are long time contributors of a lasting service.

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In Charge of Liquid Assets : The city banker was visiting the farmer.

"I suppose," he said, nodding to a figure in the farm yard. "that's the hired man."

"No," replied the farmer, "that's the first vice-president in charge of cows."

WELCOME MAT REVERSED

Miss Vu Thi Kim Quy in Personnel has greeted many newcomers to our mission in her role of orientation. Miss Quy was on the receiving end when she went to Washington, D.C. as interpreter for a group of Vietnamese labor leaders who went for training there on September 6.



**MISS QUY, FIRST LADY ON THE LEFT,
WITH VIETNAMESE LABOR LEADERS**

Although the program was cut in October, through efforts of friends in AID, she was able to stay on as a secretary at the Vietnam Desk in the Office of Capital Development until her return to Saigon on December 10.

The stayover enabled her to see more of the States. She visited New York for a weekend, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Disneyland. Time was found to see many former USOM/Saigon friends such as Colonel Charles Bohannon (OPRNS), Len Maynard who has now returned from home leave to OPRNS, George McDonald (CM), Harriet Lubin (AD.PE), Helen Callahan (PER) and the late Jeanne Wright (PH and OPRNS).

She felt perfectly at home and had no difficulties during her stay. The only thing she didn't like was the news in the papers on Vietnam, "I know the newspapers exaggerate and I did even better when I thought about it."

She toured a bakery at one point and also was televised several times but a busy schedule prevented her seeing the programs.

When asked what her most lasting impression of her visit to the U.S. she firmly answered, "the feeling of freedom - I'll never forget".

Fluent in three languages - French, English and her own language - Miss Quy was first with USOM in Hanoi, beginning in 1951. By December of 1954, she was in Saigon and at work in Personnel.

Coming from a family of eight, she and a sister remain at home with their parents. All the rest of her family is married and living here in Saigon.

A very gracious and personable individual, Miss Quy's interests center around reading and attending occasional movies.

SICK CALL

OPRNS secretary, Marlene Gibson, was evacuated to Clark 4 February. She entered station hospital four days prior to her evacuation.

Marine Guard, Charles Mann, entered Station Hospital this past week.

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Artists Pham Dai Binh and Van Hy request the honour of your visit at their exhibition of paintings at the 69, Tu Do Galerie, Saigon from February 1 to February 28, 1965. The hours are from 9-1200 and 1600-2100. Pham Dai Binh works in the Graphics Section of USOM/ComMedia.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11 February	Junial Bailey, Earl Godwin, Josephine McDaniel
13 February	Jean K. Garner
15 February	Richard Shaw, Benjamin Borsody
16 February	Chloris Simpson
18 February	James Keyes
19 February	Carol Swartz
20 February	Brooks Anderson, Howard Haworth, Patricia Anne Neace
21 February	Eloise Robertson, Beverly Fry, Richard Lewis, George McCloskey
22 February	Marshall Noble
24 February	John Murray, Anne Walker

Our Driver of the Month for January is Mr. Pham Huu Thanh who drives for Industrial Development Division. He's married, has one child and has been with USOM since August 31, 1954. Thank you, Thanh, for being an outstanding driver.



MARION KELLOGG OBSERVES AS THEODORE WOOD, MOTOR POOL SUPERVISOR PINS SAFETY AWARD ON PHAM HUU THANH.

DUTY SCHEDULE

<u>Week</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Stand-By Secretary</u>
Feb 13-19	Wm. F. Lowdermilk, R-4 165 Hai Ba Trung	Durlene Hamilton 181 Tu Do, Apt. 62	Opal P. Grandon 12 Thong Nhut, #3
Feb 20-26	William Rasmussen, R-3 Tan Son Nhut House #9	Dorothy Robinson 60 Nguyen Du, Apt. 53	Marlene N. Gibson 181 Tu Do, Apt. 65
Feb 27-Mar 3	William McQuary, R-3 130 Suong Nguyet Anh	Georgia M. Lantz 274 Cong Ly, Apt. 16	Cleo L. Swisher 60 Nguyen Du, Apt. 14
Mar 6-12	Walter L. Barnes, R-4 6 B Huyen Thanh Quan	Gloria A. Cartwright 60 Nguyen Du, Apt. 3	Anne L. Dahlstedt 181 Tu Do, Apt. 65
Mar 13-19	Junial K. Bailey, R-4 112 Hai Ba Trung, Apt. 3	Muriel S. Cavanagh 181 Tu Do, Apt. 64	Colette Welker 33 Nguyen Van Trang, Apt. 1-A

ANNIVERSARY OF PROVINCIAL RADIO STATION

BY JOHN TSCHIRHART

Radio Long An celebrates its first anniversary.

One of CMD/Radio Section's pet projects during 1964 was assistance to the Directorate of Radio Vietnam in installing, operating and programming five provincial radio stations to place an emphasis on types of local programs which could most intimately serve the rural audiences.

As one of these provincial stations, Radio Long An was inaugurated on TET 1964 and as it celebrates its first anniversary amidst the crises of the day, it can look back to a substantial list of accomplishments in the field of local mass communications.

Radio Long An has become a permanent feature in the life of the population of that Province. Its daily four-hour broadcasts include information, education and entertainment programs. Other features are the local information bulletins, regional news from Radio Saigon, modern and classical Vietnamese music and theater, programs by the Armed Forces for the soldiers in the battlefield and religious and special features.

A feature worthy of special mention is the listeners letter program where people can write to the station about any subject they choose, voice their opinions, their likes and dislikes and ask questions. The station staff consults the agency concerned in order to answer these letters in the most truthful and impartial way possible.

Congratulations, Radio Long An, Directorate of VTVN.

BAMBOO LINE

Region II Field Supply Officer, Fred Delauredis, was seen at the Dalat airport last week assisting various USOM people in the field. His usual duties cover all property maintenance, personnel and administrative matters pertaining to his region.

We have a former editor in our midst. Roma Knee of PER while on tour in Korea two tours back, was COORDINATOR editor.

Terry McKee, Assistant Economist, AD/PE, married Helen Dinh Anh Dao on January 30. His father came from the U.S. for the wedding which was held in the American Chapel on Tu Xuong. Helen formerly worked with HSAS. Our best wishes to Helen and Terry.

Sam Drakulick, wife Jean and children Don, Paul and Darcy, enjoyed a four-day holiday in Nha Trang during Tet. Sam is a police advisor in PSD and works in the Bien Hoa area.

From Estell Farmer, former LOG secretary, 2285 Bay Street, Apt. 6, San Francisco 94123: 'Please give my regards to all and tell them I'm 'homesick,' and would love

to hear from everyone - that can possibly spare a few moments to write. I used to be so disappointed if I didn't get any mail on Mondays and Thursdays, but now I practically haunt the mailbox hoping I'll get something from Saigon.' A copy of CYCLO is on the way to Estell and we hope many notes from her friends here are, too.

Missing! One pair cowboy boots, a silver belt buckle and one 10-gallon hat. And they're to be found on the person of one Fred Sparks, electric power technician who left February 4 for home leave in House, New Mexico. Fred works on contract to Public Works with Noel Pike, Chief of PW's electric power program. Returning as a direct hire, he'll be working with assisting in the overall planning of the power industry in Vietnam, both in urban and rural areas.

Our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. E. H. Forney in the Jan. 22 death of her husband and our friend, General Forney. He worked in PSD before they returned to the states last year. For those who wish to write:
Apt. 10, 2460 Alley Larkin Street, San Francisco 94109.

THE CHALLENGE OF PROGRESS

Operation Exodus : The Refugee Movement

second in the series of articles devoted
to the development of USOM in Vietnam.

Vietnam's refugee story is unparalleled in the annals of modern refugee movements.

In July 1954 the Geneva Conference closed, and a bamboo curtain was lowered across the narrow middle of Vietnam, sending 800,000 people fleeing to the free Southern half of the country.



FLEEING TO FREEDOM ---

The refugees came south in a search for freedom, security and a better life. They needed the basic physical requirements to live until they could become productive citizens. The countries of the free world were appealed to for help in transporting the refugees to the south and in rehabilitating them. The technical divisions of USOM, having been in Vietnam for four years helping with refugee and other problems, were appealed to in the crisis.

Orders were put in on the same day of that appeal for supplies such as lumber, roofing, tents and tools to build reception and resettlement centers. Cables were sent off requesting refugee experts, men with wide experience in dealing with mass migration. It had by then become apparent that refugee affairs were to be the top priority assistance program of USOM/Vietnam.



--- A LONG JOURNEY FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

A Committee was set up including representatives from USOM, the U. S. Army, a Vietnamese Catholic priest, the French Army and other representatives of both civilian and military agencies. Daily cooperation was necessary to coordinate the efforts of the various governments and agencies. The Committee considered specific problems and made decisions on the spot.

USOM administered more than 40 million dollars for subsistence and housing, as well as supplementary material aid.

As the emergency subsistence program for refugees phased out, it became possible to put increasing emphasis on the technical and long-range economic programs. In Issue 3, those programs will be looked at as they relate to the present.

EAST MEETS WEST

By Bill Zarba

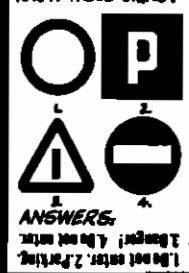
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Abraham Lincoln

BORN ON FEBRUARY 12, 1809, THE 16TH PRESIDENT OF AMERICA, WAS ONE OF THE WORLD'S TRULY GREAT MEN. HE NEVER HATED ANYONE AND NEVER WANTED REVENGE. PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS ARE NAMED IN HIS HONOR. IN SAIGON, THE USIS LIBRARY.

Read Quiz
KNOW THESE SIGNS?



ANSWERS:
1. STOP 2. YIELD 3. NO ENTRY 4. YIELD

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